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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

Paragraphs 23; and 25: Two untested sources.

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1. Between 2 and 29 April 1954, the Schuetzen Kaserne [] Eberswalde, was occupied by about 4,800 troops, including the headquarters. Rifle drill and aiming practice was repeatedly observed at the drill ground and firing with rifles and machine guns was daily practiced at the target ranges. On 7 April, 36 sidecar motorcycles, 2 x 82-mm mortars, 2 T-34 tanks, 5 armored scout cars, and 5 trucks each occupied by 30 troops left the installation toward Trampe. On 24 April, 1 armored personnel carrier and 5 trucks, each occupied by 20 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and towing 2 light mortars, presumably of 50 mm, left in the same direction. [] 120-mm mortars were no longer towed by, but loaded on, trucks. 25X1
2. On 24 April, the Schuetzen Kaserne [] was occupied by about 4,500 troops, including the headquarters. 25X1
3. Between 2 and 29 April, the Artillerie Kaserne [] was occupied by about 4,500 troops. JS-3 tanks [] and 2 JSU-249 guns, [] left the installation toward Trampe on 7 April; and JS-3 tanks [] SP guns [] and trucks [] towing 2 AT guns left on 13 April. Between 12 and 14 April and on 21 April, truck columns entered the west section of the installation from the direction of Finow, with one column of 10 trucks [] 25X1
4. On 24 April, the Artillerie Kaserne was occupied to capacity by about 4,000 troops.
5. On 29 April, the cantonment at Duesterwinkel Bruecke [] was occupied by at least 800 troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets, including some with engineer insignia. The installation included 1 large storage shed, 6 motor vehicle sheds, each for about 30 motor vehicles, and 4 one-story quartering buildings. Reports of rifles, machine guns and AT guns were heard from the firing range. [] 25X1
6. On 21 April, the cantonment at Duesterwinkel Bruecke was occupied to capacity by about 800 troops of an engineer unit. 25X1

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7. Between early April and 29 April, the cantonment on Breitscheidt Strasse [] was occupied by about 500 troops wearing blue-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia. Thirty-four trucks, [] were seen in the barracks yard. Six trailers with poles were observed nearby. 25X1
8. On 24 April, the cantonment on Breitscheidt Strasse was occupied by about 500 troops. On 12 April, 25 trucks and 4 trailers with poles were seen in the yard and in front of a motor vehicle shed. [] 25X1
9. On 29 April, the Britz cantonment [] was occupied by 850 to 900 troops. 25X1
10. On 6 May, the Luftnachrichten Kaserne [] Bernau, was heavily occupied as previously. 25X1
11. Between 17 April and 11 May, the Luftnachrichten Kaserne was occupied by about 1,200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank and artillery insignia. Heavy weapons observed included 30 T-34 tanks, 1 SU-85 gun, 21 x 57-mm AT guns, 12 x 76-mm AT guns, 8 x 120-mm mortars and 16 x 80-mm mortars. Training included firing with 4 x 57-mm AT guns, 2 x 120-mm mortars and, 4 x 80-mm mortars; and drill. [] 25X1
12. Between 15 April and 4 May, the Luftnachrichten Kaserne was occupied to capacity by about 2,500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery and tank insignia. Between 18 and 23 April, 6 tanks were serviced in front of the sheds and 2 T-34/85 tanks [] practiced firing at the target range. On 18 April, 4 rocket launchers [] and 4 trucks occupied by troops left the installation. [] 25X1
13. Between 17 April and 11 May, the SS-Brieftaubenstation [] was occupied by about 300 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia. On 10 May, aiming practice with 4 x 37-mm AA guns was observed in the barracks area. 25X1
14. On and after 3 May, the SS-Brieftaubenstation was occupied by about 300 troops. On 29 April, 9 x 76-mm AA guns, 4 of which were emplaced as previously, were observed in the yard of the installation. 25X1
15. On 11 May, former Army Clothing Depot I [] was occupied by about 60 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. On 6 and 11 May, there was no training, nor did source observe any weapons. Between 17 and 28 April, the installation had been occupied by about 1,200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia.¹ 25X1
16. Army Clothing Depot I was no longer occupied to capacity on 6 May. Four of the five vehicle sheds were vacant. The 8 x 85-mm AT guns, which were last observed in the barracks area on 29 April, had also disappeared.¹
17. Beginning on 4 May, Army Clothing Depot I was occupied by about 300 troops. On 18 April, source determined that the installation was occupied by about 2,500 troops, mostly with artillery insignia.¹ 25X1
18. On 11 May, the restricted area on Karl Marx Strasse [] was occupied by about 80 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets.

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19. Prior to 2 May, no troops left the Panzer Kaserne [redacted] in Red [redacted] 25X1
 Freienwalde. Between 20 April and 2 May, 10 trucks [redacted] 25X1
 [redacted] daily engaged in driving 25X1
 school practices. Troops observed wore red-bordered black epaulets. Training
 was conducted in the Rathsdorf training area as previously. Reports of guns
 were daily heard from, and 2 to 4 T-34 tanks and 3 BA-64 armored scout cars
 were seen in, the training area. On 24 April, trucks [redacted] 25X1
 [redacted] towing 76.2-mm field guns were seen en route to the installation, 25X1
 coming from the training area. [redacted] 25X1
20. Between 24 April and 6 May, the Panzer Kaserne was still occupied to capacity
 by about 1,200 to 1,400 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with
 artillery, tank and motor transport insignia. Training at company level was
 conducted near the installation. Firing with 85-mm AT guns and construction
 of field fortifications was observed in the Trampe area; driving school
 practices continued. A total of 8 x 85-mm AT guns, 3 x 120-mm mortars,
 4 armored personnel carriers and about 30 sidescar motorcycles and T-34/85
 tanks [redacted] were observed with the troops. [redacted] 25X1
 [redacted] 25X1
21. On 5 May, source determined that the troops stationed in Panzer Kaserne had
 not yet left for summer camps. A vehicle shed, about 40 meters long, was
 under construction at the southwest border of the installation, on the road
 to Berlin.
22. On 9 May, the Panzer Kaserne was occupied about 80 percent. About 300 troops
 received instruction on 2 May. An additional apartment house was under
 construction beside the officers' billets.
23. On 29 April, the restricted area in the west section of the Wuhlgarten
 Heilanstalt [redacted] Berlin-Biesdorf, was occupied by troops wearing red- 25X1
 bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. Twenty-four canvas-covered tanks
 were seen in the installation. The tank training area west of the installation
 was being plowed. All was quiet in the installation on 25 April.
24. Between 22 April and 4 May, source determined that the new vehicle sheds in
 the west section of the Wuhlgarten Heilanstalt were occupied as previously
 by a total of 10 vehicles. The tank training area between Heilanstalt and
 Glosower Strasse was being plowed. The officers' billets south of Erbhofweg
 were still occupied on 30 April.
25. On 27 April, Askania Haus on Berliner Allee, Berlin-Weissensee, was occupied
 almost to capacity. A truck occupied by 30 troops wearing red-bordered black
 epaulets left the installation.²

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1. [redacted] Comment. The information indicates that, during the first days of May 25X1
 the bulk of the 71st Light Arty Brig (UB) transferred to the Templin troop
 training grounds. [redacted] The transfer accounts for the 25X1
 varying occupation strength in late April and early May.
2. [redacted] Comment. According to previous information, the headquarters of 25X1
 General Lieutenant Dibrova is carried in Askania Haus in Berlin-Weissensee.
 Officers' dependents are presumably also quartered there.
3. [redacted] Comment. Contrary to observations in preceding years, the 6th Gds Ms 25X1
 stayed at its quarters until mid-May. There are no indications for a transfer
 to summer camps.

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